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SUBJECT: U/S BOLTON VISITS UAE
Classified By: Ambassador Michele Sison for Reasons 1.5(b) and (d)

11. (S) Summary: Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security John Bolton met with UAE officials on January 31 to discuss the UAE's nuclear program. Minister of Information Abdullah bin Zayed al Nahyan emphasized that 100% of other countries must join in applying pressure to Iran and that the UAE has continued pressure on Iran.

12. (S) In a meeting with UAE Minister of Defense and Dubai Crown Prince Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum (MbR), U/S Bolton expressed the USG's concerns about the UAE's nuclear program but acknowledged that dealing with Iran is difficult. The UAE has continued pressure on Iran.

13. (S) U/S Bolton pointed out that interdiction efforts, such as those through the Proliferation Security Initiative, are essential. U/S Bolton emphasized that the UAE is also concerned about Iran's nuclear program but acknowledged that dealing with Iran is difficult. The UAE has continued pressure on Iran.

14. (S) Dubai State Security Director Mohammed al Qamzi pointed out that it was not in the interest of Dubai to allow proliferation-related activities. U/S Bolton emphasized that the UAE is also concerned about Iran's nuclear program but acknowledged that dealing with Iran is difficult. The UAE has continued pressure on Iran.

15. (S) MbR praised the elections in Iraq, saying the vote dealt a setback to the terrorists. He expressed concern about the non-participation of the UAE Minister of Information. U/S Bolton emphasized that the UAE is also concerned about Iran's nuclear program but acknowledged that dealing with Iran is difficult. The UAE has continued pressure on Iran.

16. (S) U/S Bolton also met with Minister of Information Abdullah bin Zayed al Nahyan, who hosted a luncheon in U/S Bolton's honor in lieu of a visit. U/S Bolton emphasized that the UAE is also concerned about Iran's nuclear program but acknowledged that dealing with Iran is difficult. The UAE has continued pressure on Iran.

17. (S) U/S Bolton emphasized that this issue should not be characterized as the U.S. versus Iran but as Iran versus the rest of the world and the rest of the world versus Iran. U/S Bolton emphasized that the UAE is also concerned about Iran's nuclear program but acknowledged that dealing with Iran is difficult. The UAE has continued pressure on Iran.

18. (S) U/S Bolton told Sheikh Abdullah that it was possible that later in the spring the U.S. Security Council would have to take up the issue of Iran's nuclear program. U/S Bolton emphasized that the UAE is also concerned about Iran's nuclear program but acknowledged that dealing with Iran is difficult. The UAE has continued pressure on Iran.

19. (S) Sheikh Abdullah asked about the cooperation we were getting from Pakistan in halting their work with Iran. U/S Bolton replied that the USG appreciated the UAE's past cooperation on the AQ Khan network and emphasized that we were looking forward to future cooperation. U/S Bolton emphasized that the UAE is also concerned about Iran's nuclear program but acknowledged that dealing with Iran is difficult. The UAE has continued pressure on Iran.

20. (S) Sheikh Abdullah praised the Iraqi elections. He had been very worried about the success of the elections but was glad to see they were successful. U/S Bolton emphasized that the UAE is also concerned about Iran's nuclear program but acknowledged that dealing with Iran is difficult. The UAE has continued pressure on Iran.

21. (U) U/S Bolton also met with print journalists in Abu Dhabi and granted an interview to Al Arabiya satellite television. The question was about the UAE's nuclear program. U/S Bolton emphasized that the UAE is also concerned about Iran's nuclear program but acknowledged that dealing with Iran is difficult. The UAE has continued pressure on Iran.

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